The Sideliner

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Under the Master's Hat

Worshipful Master

What do you do if there is nothing there?

The holidays are over, the pool tournament has been completed, even Punxatawney Phil has seen his shadow – what's left???

RITUAL!!!

We will be having move-up night, and the exemplification of the Fellowcraft Degree next month – Officers be prepared, Sideliners be sure to attend. Our Junior Warden promises you will not go hungry.

And now a public apology to our DDGM, Geoffrey Hoderath. I had thought that my life would be a little easier after retirement, but it seems like the hurrieder I go, the behinder I get. I haven't been able to attend your District visits, and I'm indeed sorry for that.

Short message this trip

Joe Pozefsky

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Wadsworth Lodge 2017 – 2018 Trestle Board

September **13**, 2017	Lodge Reopens for the Fall
September **27**, 2017	Business Meeting
October **11**, 2017	Assignment of Parts and Rehearsal for First Degree Exemplification
October **25**, 2017	First Degree Exemplification
November 08, 2017	Years of Service Awards
November 22, 2017	Lodge is DARK, Thanksgiving
December 13, 2017	Christmas and Chanukah Observance
December 27, 2017	Last Meeting for 2017 – may be cancelled by vote of the Lodge
January 10, 2018	Annual Reports
January 24, 2018	Annual Pool Tournament and Brother Bring a Friend night
February 14, 2018	Lodge dark
February 28, 2018	President's night
March 14, 2018	Business Meeting and Move up night
March 28, 2018	Second Degree or at least the Middle Chamber Lecture
April 11, 2018	Business Meeting
April 25, 2018	District Deputy Homecoming
May 9, 2018*	Reports on Grand Lodge, Election and Installation of Officers
May 23, 2018	Business Meeting
	"*" Indicated Tuxedos to be worn

(Practice Nights on Wednesdays before Degree at 7:00p.m.)
* Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

Sickness and Distress:

During December Ralph Edgell suffered a back injury and had to spend some time at Albany Medical Center. Also Nick Jacobia was hospitalized with gastritis which had messed up his coagulation numbers. Meanwhile Christine Jacobia suffered a minor back injury.

Mike Gammon's mother passed away on January 10th. They wanted a private viewing time for family and close friends or we would have advertised it more.

The assisted living facility where Jack Brodie resides in Florida was under a quarantine due to the

Glad Tidings:

Clay Simon's surgery went well. However, there was a post surgical infection which required an additional four days in the hospital. He went home with lots of meds to take to battle the infection.

On the third try Ken Rouse finally received his 35-year pin and certificate. It seems that parcels being sent to an APO must be accompanied by a quintuplicate form. Neither Grand Lodge nor the secretary realized this until the third try. He sends his greetings on behalf of Alt Heidelberg Fidelitas 821

We are trying to deliver Jack Brodie his 55-year pin and certificate see Tale of the Ring for the story.

IN MEMORIAM
Bro. Donald D. Kingston
Became a Mason February 25, 1981
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 25, 1981
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 22, 1981
Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High November 30, 2017**

Please communicate sickness and distress and/or glad tidings. Brothers, we will never have knowledge to give support to our Brothers, their Widows or Orphans unless we communicate. Harmony is the support of all institutions, especially this of Our Great Masonic Lodge, Wadsworth #417.

Second Dues Notice:

Wadsworth 2018 Dues Cards have been mailed to all Brothers who have met their payment obligation. Currently 77 of the 115 Brothers have met that obligation. If you have not received your card, please let me know immediately, since this is your only verification for current membership in your Lodge. Your annual dues help Wadsworth remain an active and vital part of the Albany area. Thank You Again.

Around the District:

District Deputy Grand Master Visits

Day	Date	Lodge	Day	Date	Lodge
Tuesday	September 26, 2017	Noah No. 754	Thursday	January 11, 2018	St. George's No. 6
Tuesday	October 10, 2017	Victor No. 680	Tuesday	January 16, 2018	Bethlehem No. 85
Monday	October 16, 2017	Mt.Vernon No. 3	Thursday	February 1, 2018	Clinton No. 140
Tuesday	October 24, 2017	Beukendaal No. 980	Monday	February 5, 2018	Mt. Zion No. 311
Thursday	November 2, 2017	Berne No. 684	Thursday	February 22, 2018	Van Rensselaer No. 87
Monday	November 13, 2017	Masters No. 5	Wednesday	March 7, 2018	Schenectady No. 1174
Tuesday	November 28, 2017	Evening Star No. 75	Thursday	March 15, 2018	Apollo-King Solomon's No. 13
Tuesday	December 5, 2017	Ancient Temple No. 14	Wednesday	April 25, 2018	Wadsworth No. 417.
Thursday	December 18, 2017	Guttenberg No. 737			[Homecoming]

Masters and Officers Association Schedule

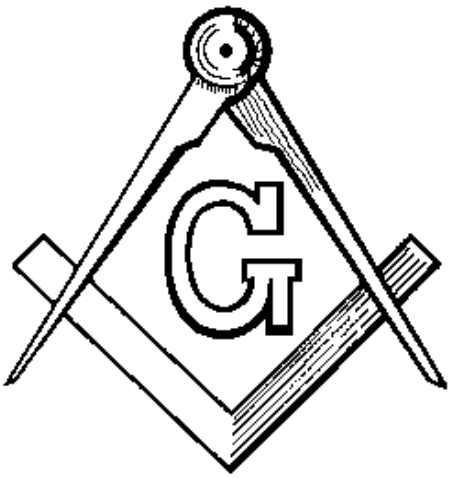
August 29, 2017
October 30, 2017
November 29, 2017
January 29, 2018
March 29, 2018
April 30, 2018
May 30, 2018

This schedule is tentative and subject to change

District Web Page is Old17th.org. In addition there is now a District Newsletter. To receiveit contact the editor Rich Alber at rsmasons@yahoo.com .

Recurring Events

Coffee Fellowship at Troy Masonic Community Center, 39 Brunswick Rd, Troy, NY 12180 from 9 to 12 on Tuesday mornings. If you prefer something on the west side of the river there is also coffee at the same time at Evening Star Lodge #75 F&AM, 206 Old Loudon Rd, Latham, NY 12110.



The first Wednesday of each month R∴W∴ Michael Weisburg holds a School of Instruction at the Albany Temple from 6:30 to 9:30.

The third Sunday of every month there are two activities: There is a breakfast at Victor 1535 NY Route 67, Schaghticoke, NY from 7:30 to 9:30. There is also Regional Food Bank Volunteering with St. George's Lodge #6 at the Regional Food Bank of Latham. This event is open to all Masons, their friends and family. If anyone has any questions, they can contact the Worshipful Master of St. George's Lodge - Paul Hulseapple at 265-4211.

Poet's Corner:

Grandpa's Wooden Chest

I hated to hear the lawyer say
The things my grandpa gave away.
Like his old truck to Dad and Mom
And world war medals to Uncle John

My name was called
And something was said
About an old wooden box
Underneath his bed.

Just a worn out chest
With a rusty hinge
But I knew Grandpa kept
Something special within.

When I opened the lid
All I could see
Were some unused tools
And a letter to me.

A large fancy cloth
With two long strings
A small wooden hammer
Among other things

He wrote a man's job
Is to be a good husband father and a friend.
I built my life as best I could
By the tools laid here within.

He said the compasses remind me that life has boundaries
So live your life within
The square proves true and so should you
When dealing with all your friends.

Be an honorable man and walk uprightly
According to the plumb.
The level teaches us treat all men equal
Instead of only some.

And now it's your turn
To start your journey for knowledge, love and faith
So live your life by the Square and Compasses
And tools of your trade

Many years have passed by since I first opened
Grandpa's wooden chest
The tools he gave me, the words he wrote
The challenge to be my best.

Today I'll visit Grandpa
At the place where he was laid
To let him know he can be proud
I'm a Master of my trade.

Contributed by J. Robert Welsh
Author unknown

Tales of the Ring

This tale comes under Brother helping Brother. First let us introduce the characters. Jack Brodie he was Peter Van Kampen's sponsor and then their is Ken Moore who was my sponsor. Jack was scheduled to receive his 55-year pin and certificate. As we have done in the past we leave this up to Grand Lodge to send to the recipient. In this case since Jack was in the process of moving it became lost in the shuffle.

After a while as secretary I received an e-mail from Peter informing me of the situation. I checked with Lodge Services and they said it was sent and nothing more. I ordered a replacement and had it sent to me. I asked Peter if he would delivered it to Jack. He agreed, but there was a very slight hesitation. So this prompted me to look at a map. Peter lives in Edgewater near Cape Kennedy on the Atlantic coast Jack lives in Englewood near Fort Myers on the Gulf coast, some three and half hours away.

While I was looking at the map I also noticed that Englewood is only about a half hour from Port Charlotte. Well that is where Ken and Donnie Moore live. So I reached out to Ken explained the situation and he graciously agreed to receive the package and deliver it to Jack. He also went the extra mile and had the certificate framed.

At the time I had no idea that Ken and Peter entered the lodge at about the same time and were good friends who had lost touch with each other. Neither had realized that the other was now residing in Florida.

Here is Ken's account of the presentation:

Brothers,

Barb and I went to Englewood this afternoon and met with his (jack's) daughter, Pat Huff, at Grand Villa of Englewood to present Jack's 55 year certificate and pin. Needless to say, he was quite taken back and deeply moved. His appreciation of being remembered was quite evident. He reminisced about his days at Wadsworth and remains quite attached to the fraternity, still wearing his masonic ring. I told Jack that I would request Wadsworth mail a copy of the trestleboard with his 55 year announcement to him.

It was a very enjoyable meeting. Jack expressed interest that the Englewood Lodge No. 360 is only 0.8 miles from his residence which meets the first and third Tuesdays. Maybe sometime. . . . .

Fraternally,

Ken

The Wadsworth Pool tournament was held for the 8th year on January 24. Thirteen brothers and guests participated to raise money for the Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library as this event continues to grow in popularity

The competition to get your name on the coveted "Ebenezer" trophy is always spirited and from this year's action there has been marked improvement in play by the "veteran" participants as it appeared that there was some pre-tournament practice sessions held.

The in-tournament "Awards of Honor" were up for grabs. The most dubious award is the "I'm Outa Here" award for the first player eliminated which went to cousin Rich Emory as two tables were playing for that honor at the same time. "The Best Brother" award went to Bob Emory for beating brother Lou Emory for the second year in a row. Another Emory friend, Joe Purcell, almost had a petition in hand rather than ball in hand as he went deep into the tournament as discussion were being had as to what to do if a non Wadsworthian won. Bruce Susser earned the "Hard Luck" award as he finally got a good draw after years of running into the hot players only to run into another hot one in the comeback bracket.

Tournament came down to a past champion, Ken White and a previous "Hard Luck" winner, Doug Kantrowitz who finally won a first round match. Doug then ran into Ken in the second round who put him into the comeback bracket. There, with slow and deliberate play Doug "Vader" vanquished four brothers as he fought back to play in the championship round against Ken who was undefeated. Doug had Ken on the ropes to hand him his first loss only to scratch and with "ball in hand" Ken was able to line up an easy shot to win the tournament.

Special tournament committee recognition goes to Paul Baum for both his match play strategy and his always awesome dinner and Ed Engelhardt who hung out and cheered everyone on.

Congratulations to all for a very competitive tournament!

Fraternally,

The Pool Tournament Committee

Holiday Gathering

On December 13th we had our annual Holiday Gathering. Where the Brothers gather with family to enjoy food, fellowship and spirits. Chef Baum out did himself for the event with a wonderful assortment of delights suitable to a balanced diet whether on one's lap or at the table.

As has been the tradition in the past few years, part of the admission was the gift of a toy to be donated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Rensselaer County.

The Kitchen Staff

The Celebrants

Holiday Gathering Cont'd

The End Results

Parting Shots:

Brothers with Birthdays in December, January and February			
Marvin Wesley Antenucci	December 1, 1954	B. Robert Joel III	January 23, 1956
Paul Baum	December 28, 1958	Niels Carl Jurgensen	January 21, 1953
Kyle Dain Buckingham	December 25, 1982	Edward S. Kosinski	January 19, 1945
Arthur J. Burt Jr.	January 1, 1956	Bernard Maskell Jr.	December 4, 1950
Clifford W. Coughlin	January 1, 1946	John L. Miller	January 27, 1959
Mikey J. Dady	February 10, 1976	Drew Millier	December 27, 1981
Alan P. Druckman	January 25, 1946	Roger Alan Murphy	January 21, 1966
James M. Fuller	January 1, 1958	William S. Panitch	February 6, 1954
William R. Godell	December 13, 1959	Frederick P. Pettingell	January 1, 1954
Thomas J. Goodfellow III	January 1, 1950	Steven B. Silverman	January 17, 1950
John E. Haight	December 19, 1955	Bruce Susser	December 29, 1956
Nicholas C. Jacobia	February 17, 1951	Kenneth M. White	January 26, 1955

If your birthday does not appear in the list we apologize, but it is because we do not have the information in our records. Please contact Paul with your birth date.